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# Senator Kuipers Issues Statement on Governor Granholm's Decision to Pro-Rate School Funding

*The following statement was issued today by Senate Education Committee chairman Senator Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, on Governor Jennifer Granholm's decision to make a pro-rated reduction in school aid payments.*

"Republicans long have been committed to maintaining education funding and there has not been a cut to the foundation aid payments since Proposal A passed in 1994. The "pro-rata" letter did not have to be released today. It was Governor Granholm's decision to send the letter. Governor Granholm did not consult with either Majority Leader Sikkema or Speaker Johnson about whether or when to send this letter. She only informed them of her intentions during their noon meeting Wednesday. These are the governor's cuts. We want to look at all options. It is incumbent upon the Legislature and the governor to work together to look at all the alternatives. Ultimately it may be necessary to make education funding cuts, but our children deserve the Governor's full attention to exhaust all other options first."

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